GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS
Patil Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains under the Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS), Mid -day Meal Scheme etc. are not being timely distributed effecting these schemes at large; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. There is no Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) under which foodgrains are allocated or distributed by the Government at present. Under the Mid-day Meal (MDM) Scheme, there are no reports that the foodgrains are not being timely distributed affecting the scheme at large. Sometimes stocks get delayed either due to Food Corporation of India (FCI)`s operational constraints or delay in lifting by State/UTs Governments for which required extensions are granted for ensuring uninterrupted supply of foodgrains under the scheme.